

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pray for those you know who are lonely, shut-in, weary, or anxious. Pray for peace, strength, hope, and joy.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Pray God’s comfort for those you know who have lost someone, or who are mourning the loss of jobs, companionship, or liberty.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

Pray for those you know who are humbly serving at this time, including cleaners, personal support workers, essential service workers, pastors. Pray blessing and honour on them. May they be encouraged.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Pray for political leaders of all kinds, business leaders, spiritual leaders, people in authority, that they be filled with wisdom and integrity and justice in faithful service.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Pray for health care workers and essential service workers putting themselves on the line to serve others. May God supply all their needs.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Pray for Hillside and the wider church, that we would reflect God’s love and compassion to one another, that we be God’s hands and feet and heart.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Pray that we and others would sow peace, not division, between individuals, communities, nations, races, people groups, genders; that we build enduring bridges of cooperation during this time of crisis and beyond. Let us not judge one another.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pray for the persecuted church around the world. Pray for protection, courage, and perseverance.